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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, £4,675,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, £7,500,000

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INTEREST ALLOWED.
(1) Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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Credits granted on approved securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager—
Hongkong, April 3, 1890.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Summes less than £1, or more than £2500 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than £2,500 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having £100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Interest at the rate of 33 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, or marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager—
Hongkong, January 1, 1890.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

A SEMI-GRAND PIANO, by COLLARD & COLLARD. Made expressly for the climate.

Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, April 29, 1890.

FOR SALE.

AT THE PEAK.

THE FALLS, on R. D. L. No. 28.—
A well-built six-roomed HOUSE,
at present let on lease for one year.

For full Particulars, apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.
Hongkong, November 12, 1890.

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BALL PROGRAMMES
FOR SALE,
IN NEW STYLES AND PATTERNS.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE,
5, WYNDHAM STREET.

Intimations.



NOTIFICATION.

TO H. B. M. LEGATION,
Peking, April 3rd, 1890.

In virtue of the authority vested in him by the China and Japan Maritime Order in Council, 1874, the undersigned hereby notifies that he has appointed Mr. J. H. COOMBS to be Surveyor at the Port of Amoy under the Provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act.

JOHN WALSHAM,
H. B. M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
in China.

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THE MARINDURK FURNITURE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL
of TEN DOLLARS (\$10) per Share
is payable on or before the 10th May, 1890,
on the Company's Bankers, the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. MARINBURK,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 16, 1890.

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THE TRUST & LOAN COMPANY OF
CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE
STRaits, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, £1,000,000

RESERVE FUND, £40,000

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TO LET - FULLY FURNISHED.

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FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED. (With Immediate Possession.)

A SIX-ROOMED HOUSE at the PEAK. Apply to DENNYS & MOSSOP, 49 & 51, Queen's Road, Hongkong, April 29, 1890. 397

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ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Assessor.

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWONG KWAN YIEN CHAL- LENCE CUPS - Value \$200 and \$100 respectively. Also TWO CONSOLATION CUPS, value \$100 each.

The First Suits of the NINTH COMPETITION will take place NEXT SATURDAY, the 10th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., commencing at 300 Yards. Entrance Fee, 30 Cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Wharf at 2.15 p.m., to take over intending Competitors.

The Second Stage will be shot off on Saturday, the 17th Instant.

C. VIVIAN LADDS, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 6, 1890. 848

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, AND BOMBAY, Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE, VENICE & FIUME.

The Co.'s Steamship "Thibet" Capt. E. PERIN, will be despatched as above on the 18th Instant, at Daylight, with Cargo, at through rates to Colombo, Madras, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.

Cargo will not be received on board after 8 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 6, 1890. 850

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 7th May, 1890, at their Sale Rooms, 68, Queen's Road Central, -

A COLLECTION OF

SATIN, POCHERIN & KADA VASSIS, TEA SETS, LACQUERED WARE, OLD BRONZES, SILVER and SATIN EMBROIDERIES, and SILK and PAPER FOLDING SCREENS, and PLASTER of PARIS FIGURES, &c., &c., &c.

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The *Hyogo News* says the *Verona*, which arrived here on Wednesday, brought up something like 55 passengers, of whom 6 were for Kobe. This unusually large passenger list was due to the fact that the *Verona* was the first connecting steamer under the new arrangement by which, we understand, the Japanese steamers will leave Hongkong within 24 hours of the arrival of the London mail, and not wait a week as hitherto. The mail, though it goes through passengers, is not of course by other lines, as they have done, unless they care to go in a week at Hongkong, will be at once come right through by one of the company's boats.

In the course of a gale at the 'Leviathan' Bank, the N.C. *Daily News* says:—'Hongkong friends are perhaps comforted in the idea that the disaster, indicated as those by the advertisements of the colonial papers calling an unhappy share-holders to pay their calls or lose their shares—by the conclusion that the failure of most of the lotteries here to fill, and the general rapidity of the meeting, are due to a financial tightness here. But it is not so. Hongkong last year despised Shanghai for having no share in the former's boom and Shanghai is compensated by having no share in Hongkong's collapse. Financially, Shanghai is very sound, and if the subscriptions fall off to-day at the present moment, it will be because certainties inevitably check speculation, not because speculators lack funds.' Some of the certainties did not prove so certain after all, and the race meeting was more interesting than was anticipated. Mr. Sassoon only won 10 out of the 23 events.

A CORRESPONDENT of the N.C. *Daily News* writes from Seoul:—'Mc Denny's connection with the Korean government is over, as appears by the following very terse announcement in the *Official Gazette*:—'Vice-President Deuny of the Home Office came to us at our call. His term now having expired, his position is hereby taken away from him. Thus it appears that Yuan has conquered, indeed, it is said, by certain claims for interest in his unpaid salary made by Mr. Denny, at which the King was displeased. It is also stated that General Le Goutre, when Mr. Denny's successor, has been instructed to arrange the loan of Japan of \$1,000,000, with which I am informed to you bring it is very doubtful if he will succeed in obtaining it after all. Mr. Denny's engagement ceased on the 16th of April, its agreed term, so that there has been no rupture, but his engagement has not been renewed.'

The 'gathering of the clergymen for the Missionary Conference next week is going on bravely,' says the N.C. *Daily News*.—'Already Dr. Williamson and Mr. Hitch have news of 326 who intend to be present, and for whom accommodation has been provided, and there will be at least 80 members of the China Island Mission, besides nearly 70 missionaries resident in Shanghai and the suburbs, so that there will be nearly 500 present altogether. It is hoped that the *Cathedral* will be granted for the introductory service, the sermon at which will be preached by Mr. Hudson Taylor. The morning and afternoon meeting will be held at Union Church, and the evening meetings, where subjects of a more general character will be treated, at the Lyceum Theatre. The most gratifying fact is the evident presence among these five hundred Protestant missionaries, coming from all parts of China, of an earnest desire for a good close union, and if this should be attained, the value of the Conference will be almost incalculable.'

THE other day we reported that the Chinese Government had recalled certain of its subjects from Tokyo. These persons, we learn from the *Yinchi*, have been in the habit of peddling outside settlement limits and, in consequence, have been repeatedly arrested by the Japanese. Wearing of constant complaint about the breach of Treaty stipulations, the Chinese Government decided to recall its offending subjects. Certain Chinese residents in Yokohama and Nagasaki have also received instructions to return home. When, in October last year, the Hirose Shukai (Seaweed Company) was established at Hakodate, the Japanese sale of seaweed to Chinese, who had been carrying on the trade for years, was prohibited, and, therefore, these old residents were robbed of their business. The Chinese Minister naturally demanded an explanation why the sale of seaweed had been forbidden in an area prescribed by the Treaty. The subject is still under discussion, but as a result of the boycott the Chinese Government has had to recall sixty Chinese seaweed merchants from Hakodate.—*Japan Gazette*.

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO. The following information has been sent to us by the Secretary of the Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited, for publication:— The Company's agent in Sydney reports, under date of April 10th, that two new reefs have been found on the Company's property: one situated on Fitzroy's lease (recently acquired by the Company for £100), and one on the South end of the ten acre lease. The former is 18 inches thick, heavily charged with pyrites. A little free gold is seen in the stone, but it is of a mineralized nature. This reef is in hard country and has not been prospected to any extent, but the reef, it is thought, will improve as it is sunk upon. A fat sample was assayed by Mr. E. W. Woodgate and yielded as follows:—

Fine gold, 3 oz. 18Wt. 35 grs.

Silver, a trace.

The find in the South end of the ten acre lease is a reef 8 inches thick, and has been sunk upon 8 feet. A little gold can be seen in the stone and is payable to work. A fair sample assays as under:—

Fine gold, 1oz. 10Wt. 9grs. per ton.

Silver, 100c. 1dw. 9grs. per ton.

A further letter reporting on the work done at the mine up to the date of posting is not yet to hand, although the Company's agent mentions having sent some by Airtel, by which steamer the above information was brought. Correspondence can be seen on application at the Company's offices.

NICKEL.—What are the vowels?—Squeers.—A. i. o. u. Minus!—Now say them again 'dropping of the first one.' Squeers.—E. i. o. a. Nickels!—Now once more, dropping of the second one. Squeers.—Y. e. i. o. Nickels!—What you do, and I wish to thunder you'd say up!

SHIPPING ACCIDENTS.

The *Bucophilus* arrived to-day in a damaged condition with her forehold full of water. She struck on one of the outer shoals of the Parcels group (the North Shoal), but got off after jettisoning part of her cargo of rice. She reports sighting the *Elbridge* nature on North Reef. The *Elbridge*, which is laden with a large cargo of rice from Saigon, seemed to be in a rather dangerous position, and although she had jettisoned a great part of her cargo she was still on the rock when the *Bucophilus* left. Of course the latter in her disabled condition was unable to render assistance. The most she could do was to reach Hongkong and for the 12,000 miles further the postage is the same—ten cents.

We ought at least to be put on the same footing as Singaporeans.—Yours ENQUIRER.

[Our correspondent has drawn attention to one of the many postal anomalies that Mr. Henrici Heater is trying so ardently to remedy. The postage to Singapore is at least double what it ought to be. If it were not for the post office monopoly, steamer-owners would be willing to take letters at less than half—probably for 2 cents.—ED. C.M.]

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting *Puisne Judge*.)

Tuesday, May 6.

PERET & SAMUEL AND ANOTHER.

A SHAREDEALING CASE.

Mr. Wilkinson appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Bowles (of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon's Office) was for the defendants.

Mr. Wilkinson said the plaintiff in the suit was trustee for the benefit of the creditors of David Benjamin, who on 5th September 1889 executed a deed of assignment. Under section 177 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, a trustee under such a deed has power to sue, and the claim was for \$1,000, being money received by the defendants on behalf of Benjamin and not him.

Mr. Bowles, in reply to his Lordship, said the defendants admitted receiving the money, but explained that they paid it away on the authority of the bankrupt.

David Benjamin, clerk in the employ of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co., said—I have had many share transactions in which the defendants have acted as my brokers prior to 18.9. In August last year I found myself in the hands of Messrs. Carvalho and Woi Mui Kai. They told me that on the 21st of that month I informed the defendants of this. They would have about \$1,000 of mine in their hands at the end of the month. I asked them to inform Messrs. Carvalho and Woi Mui Kai that I could not carry out certain share contracts which I had with them. The defendants told me they were going to retain the money belonging to me which was in their hands, and that they were going to pay it to Messrs. Carvalho and Woi Mui Kai. They told me that on the 21st, in any of my previous transactions with the defendants they never guaranteed any contract for me that I know of. I never authorized them to guarantee any contract.

By Mr. Bowles.—On the 22nd May, 1889, I bought from Wei Mui Kai 25 Douglas Steamer Co. shares at \$90 per share, for delivery on 21st June. On 6th July, 1889, I bought from Wei Mui Kai 25 East Borou Co. shares at \$68 per share, for delivery on 21st August. On 3rd June, 1889, I bought from Wei Mui Kai 25 Douglas Steamer Co. shares at \$87 per share, for delivery on 31st August. On the 17th

August I saw Mr. Reuben of Samuel and Reuben and asked him to sell the shares back again. I never told them then that I would be unable to take delivery of the shares. I was about \$24,000 to the bad, at the end of the month. I did not ask Reuben particularly to sell the shares back to Wei Mui Kai; I merely asked him to place them. Eventually they were sold to Wei Mui Kai for the end of the month. The fifty Douglas Steamer shares were sold at \$79 and the 25 East Borou at \$46. That showed a loss of \$1,025 in this contract. I had to pay Wei Mui Kai that sum on the 21st, but I never authorised Samuel and Reuben to pay that amount out of the money of mine which they had in their hands. Through my solicitors, Messrs. Caldwell and Wilkinson, I wrote to Messrs. Samuel and Reuben, telling them not to pay any money of mine to Carvalho or Wei Mui Kai. On 4th September I signed a deed of assignment. I had transactions with Mr. Mody in August. It is not true that I paid him in full.

N. Reuben said—I am in partnership with Mr. Samuel. I acted as broker in the share transactions between the plaintiff and Wei Mui Kai. On the 17th August Mr. Benjamin came to me in reference to those contracts. He said 'I am in the market and Wei Mui Kai about buying back the shares I did so, and Wei Mui Kai said he would take the shares back if this difference was paid in cash.' I told Benjamin this. He said he was unable to give cash. I advised him to keep the matter at rest, if he was still at the moment. He said if Wei Mui Kai insisted I might pay him the amount. I had no cash of Benjamin's at that date. Our contracts with Mr. Benjamin showed that there would be a balance in his favour at the end of the month. I told Wei Mui Kai that we had no cash at that moment in the bank, and I afterwards gave him my guarantee on Benjamin's behalf. I saw Benjamin afterwards and told him the matter was arranged. I asked him to write his authority for it, but he said he was afraid he would 'get into a rabbit,' as there was a good many share contracts left due and he did not write it. In our settlement with the plaintiff at the end of the month we handed him a balance of \$40, which he accepted. By Mr. Wilkinson—I sometimes guarantee share contracts when I have a margin in my hands. I usually endorse the contract note, but I did not do that on this occasion because I knew Benjamin was in difficulties. I did what he told me.

Wei Mui Kai, proprietor to Messrs. Samuel and Co., gave an account of his business and Reuben were justified in paying over the money on behalf of Benjamin, and he therefore gave judgment for the defendants, with costs.

IMPORTANT RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH.

The Grand Trunk Railway from Lukurjou to Hankow, says the *Shen Pao*, was laid aside some time ago at a cost of long distances and the vast amount of money required for its construction, but now H. I. Majesty's attention is again directed to it.

The Emperor, recognizing the importance of the line, and knowing besides that it would greatly benefit the country, has ordered the Board of Admiralty to devise means for carrying it out, and to give a precise estimate of the cost of the construction of the railroad. He has also ordered the Board to prepare a fully detailed plan of the intended line. Viceroy Li knows the strategic importance of Kirin, Sinking and Hsinking, and the frontier places or districts near the Manchurian boundaries; also, being fully aware of it, in case of emergency, that part of the country would first require a railroad in order to transport munitions of war, provisions, and troops quickly, and without such a rapid conveyance it would be an irreparable impossibility to mobilize troops on the frontier. It is, therefore, H. I. Li's intention to extend the present Tongshan line to Shantung-kuan and further on to Mukden, a distance of 500 or 600 li. During the last moon, when Viceroy Li accompanied H. I. Li to Eastern Manchuria, whilst at Peking, H. I. Li had a consultation with the Board of Admiralty, urging upon them the advisability of the construction of this line, as soon possible, and as it is short, would take less time to build. Then the Board of Admiralty and Viceroy Li jointly sent a petition to the Emperor to extend the Tongshan line to Shantung-kuan. Their petition has now been sanctioned.

The Viceroy Li has ordered Mr. Woo of the Kiping Mines to proceed to Shantung-kuan to make a thorough survey of the route; but fearing that Woo, being a stranger to the place, may not know the country well, he has further instructed General Ho Pau Kwei to accompany him, to assist in making a report, so that the works may be commenced at once.

H. E. Koo-kean, manager of the Railroad Company, is ordered to hold himself in readiness for further instructions from Viceroy Li.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

Wife (whose husband has explained to her the mysteries of poker) I seem very simple. I suppose one can play it as well as another. Husband—No, there is a great difference in players. There's the man who can play poker, and there's the man who thinks he can. The latter is the one who has to write check.

How many people did he kill?—Inquired a frightened tenderfoot of a party of Texas lynchers: 'a whole family!'—'Wuss'n that, stranger, wuss'n that?' replied a lyncher: 'he stole a horse.'

CRIMSON (in drug store)—Give me

about ten grains of quinine in four ounces of whisky. My physician says if I don't take plenty of quinine I'm a dead man.

Clark—Sorry, Sir, but we've all got out of quinine; there's a carbolic on the way.

Customer—I've got it here, but it doesn't do any good.

Wall—Give me eight

ounces of whisky, then I've got to do some

thing for this terrible malady.

—Laurence A. Dickey.

Dickey—That seems to be a good rule

which Mr. Gladstone and his wife observe.

Curse—What is it?

—When he says he's got it, he means it.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A POSTAL GRIEVANCE.

To the *Editor of the CHINA MAIL*.

Hongkong, May 6, 1890.

Sir—Are you aware that Hongkong pays a letter to Singapore ten cents, while Singapore only pays eight cents for a letter to Hongkong? Can you give any information on this? It is a most unusual state of things.

Yours truly, E. D. Sassoon.

THE SHANGHAI RACE MEETING.

(Condensed from the N.C. *Daily News*.)

FIRST DAY—Monday, 29th April, 1890.

The weather was beautiful. The fair was a great disappointment to the punters, who had bet on the *Black Leaf*, which was the most popular horse.

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
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ON WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of May,
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Steamship BAYERN, Capt. T. NEENZEL,
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
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p.m. on the 6th May. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
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The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
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For further Particulars, apply to

MELIQUERS & CO.,
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Hongkong, April 14, 1890. 604

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the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
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Packages will be received at the office until
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C. D. HARMAN,
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Hongkong, May 3, 1890. 722

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

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